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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 May 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-5, 10 and 11 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's response filed on May 20, 2004 has been entered and made of record. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. under 102 (a) is expressly withdrawn because the verified English translation of Japanese Patent Application 11-168690 filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.111.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-5 and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by the article "Illumination cones for recognition under variable lighting" to Georgiades et al. (Georgiades98)

As to claim 1, Geroghiades98 discloses an image processing apparatus comprising:

a landmark amount (surface point of pixels page 53 section 2)input unit to input an object image includes in an input image (page 53, note that X represents a surface points of image);

an image pickup condition input unit to input an image pickup condition (lighting or poses) of capturing the input image (abstract, page 53-54, section 2-section3 and page 54, note that lighting sources affects are added in equation 2);

an image space formation unit (constructing feature space) to form an image space by applying a statistical method (page 57, PCA) on a plurality of the landmark amounts input and image pickup conditions with respect to a plurality of object images (page 57 section 5-6).

As to claims 10 and 11, Claims 10-11 are the corresponding method and recording medium claims to claim 1. The discussions are addressed with regard to claim1.

As to claim 2, Murata further discloses the landmark amounts includes a plurality of coordinate values (pixel position) to identify a shape of the object image (page 56, section 3.3 note that GBR surface represents shape of object image).

As to claims 3-5, Geroghiades98 further discloses landmark amounts including gray level data of texture of object (page 53), illumination (abstract) and depth direction data (shadows) for forming 3D face image (page 56, section 2).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Jingge Wu whose telephone number is (703) 308-9588. He can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. The examiner can be also reached on second alternate Fridays.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to TC customer service whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au, can be reached at (703) 308-6604.

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